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## REPUBLICANS DEMAND LEAGUE REVISION

SENATE PASSES  
ROAD BOND BILLFifty Million Dollar Measure  
Is Put Through Upper  
House, 38 to 2.

## NOW GOES TO CONFERENCE

Two Branches Will Get To-  
gether on Conciliation  
Provisions Soon.

## DATE OF ELECTION NOT SET

Amendment Is Eliminated—  
Route Changes Made—  
Early Adoption.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—

The Senate today passed a

bill authorizing the

construction of a

road system in the

state of Oklahoma.

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Ten Years Ago Spavinaw Was  
City's Logical Water Course

They Say "Let's Go!"

By W. E. STEIGER

Chairman of the Allied Civic Com-

mittee.

The health and progress of our

city depends upon Tulsa having an

adequate supply of pure, fresh water.

I am absolutely in favor of adopt-

ing the suggestions contained in the

report of Mr. Pressey. He has found

what we want to look for. The

amount spent by the home-owners

and business interests of the city

for radiator and plumbing repairs,

to say nothing of the cost of bottled

water, runs up close to a million

dollars a year, which is 20 per cent

of the proposed investment for the

Spavinaw plant. If we ever expect

to get factories we must provide

them with soft water. Our water

now has to be treated before it can

be used and then it eats the flues

out of boilers.

This improvement will enhance

the value of every piece of property

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T. C. Hughes, Then City En-

gineer, Reported Favor-

ably on Same Project.

COST THEN WAS \$2,700,000

Tulsa Lacked Energy to Push

Ahead—Prominent Men

Say "Let's Go."

That Tulsa might have been saved

a large sum of money by the adop-

tion of Spavinaw creek as a source

of water supply when the feasibility

of this project was investigated 10

years ago, is revealed by reference

to the report of T. C. Hughes, who

was city engineer of Tulsa at that

time. Mr. Hughes yesterday gave

The World the following summary

of his report:

Sometime in 1909 W. E. Chastain,

then water commissioner, and my-

self as city engineer, were author-

ized by the city commission to make

an investigation and report the

feasibility and cost of securing a

supply of water from the Spavinaw

creek. We reported either or

both sources as practical from an

engineering point of view and sat-

isfactory as to a water supply.

Cost Was \$2,700,000.

Our estimate of the cost to the

nearest point on Grand river, with

pumping stations and necessary

clarification basins, at the prices for

material and labor then existing, at

which time cost from pipe was quoted

at \$24 a ton, amounted to approx-

imately \$1,200,000. The estimated

cost on the proposed Spavinaw

project was \$2,700,000. We gave no

preference as to location.

Mr. Chastain in an additional re-

port covered the economic side of

the question and undertook to show

that the city at that time, with the

income derived from the water de-

partment, would not be able to pay

the bonds, take care of the

sinking fund and meet the

operating expenses, and also showed

the additional taxation to be carried

by the property holders. He pointed

out that the city at that time was

not prepared to give them good

water. Then they will come of their

own accord. If our citizens would

consider the enormous losses to the

city and plumbing, resulting from the

chemical action upon the metal of

the water we are now using, they

would awake to the situation and see

the necessity of getting an adequate

supply of good water.

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BILLS WILL LOSE  
BY FILIBUSTERINGMany Measures Not to Be  
Acted Upon as Threat  
Is Carried Out.

SESSIONS TO BE CONTINUOUS

All Night Deliberations Will

Be Followed by Business

to Last Hour.

WASTE LAND MEASURE FAILS

Lane's Bill Among Those to

Go by Wayside—Appro-

priations Finally Pass.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The

administration wheat guarantee bill

was completed tonight with adop-

tion of the conference report by the

house and now is ready for Presi-

dent Wilson's signature.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Ren-

ewed controversy over the league

of nations and the long threatened

republican filibuster on legislation

came tonight as the clocks were tick-

ing off the hours ending the life of

the sixty-fifth congress, which ad-

journs today at noon. Unprece-

dented crowds watched the proceed-

ings in both senate and house, which

were expected to remain in con-

tinuous session until midnight ad-

journment at noon tomorrow.

In the senate the minority filibuster

was in headway on the general

deficiency bill carrying an approx-

imate of \$10,000,000 for the rail-

road administration while the house

marked time considering minor mat-

ters and holding for the last the

conference report on the billion-dollar

wheat guarantee bill.

Republican senators said their ob-

structive tactics were directed not

at the railroad fund which they pre-

dicted finally would be voted, but

as a means of holding off other

legislation. While believing that the

deficiency measure would be enact-

ed democratic leaders said they

feared the bill was in great jeopardy.

A movement by republican sena-

tors for a resolution formally dis-

approving the league of nations

constitution as now drafted and de-

claring for an early peace treaty

added to the confusion.

With the railroad appropriation

and the wheat measure as the two

major bills remaining, the formal

death blow was given today to many

other important bills.

Formal efforts were made late

today to secure agreements for

votes on the army, navy and agri-

cultural appropriation bills, but re-

publicans objected and failure of

these was regarded as certain. The

\$50,000,000 sundry civil bill was

another measure marked for failure,

senate appropriations committee

leaders declaring it would not even

be taken up by the senate.

Fifths shut out in the senate in-

clude those providing for enforce-

ment of the wartime prohibition law

and Secretary Lane's measure to re-

gulate the sale of automobiles.

During the night hours republi-

cans and democrats of the senate

disputed responsibility for prospec-

tive failure of the many bills. The

democrats asserted that without re-

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